

DISTRICT 5 NE CABINET 2nd MEETING
January 09, 2010
10:00 am

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

A. Introductions

~ Members Present: Mel Olson, Carla Lein, Rob Lein, Al Kalhbaugh, Steve Johnson, Tom Saddler, Wayne Westlund, Katrina Wendel, Robert Littlefield, Katherine Tweed, John Dobbs, Lyle Swor, Leon Commaeu

Rob Lien was appointed Tail Twister and fined those who did not address themselves as Lions.

B. District Governor Report

~DG Wayne Westlund distributed his report.

~The Lions Club in Edgewood is finally off the books the club is now officially closed.

~Membership is down in membership, by at least 38 members, across 5 NE.

~There has been a few clubs where DG Wayne Westlund has inducted new members, for example: Northwood Lions Club has 7 new members, South Forks Lion Club has 8 new members, and Red River Lions has 1 new member.

C. **Motion to Suspend the Voting Rules** was made by Lion Rob Lein seconded by Lion Mel Olson. Motion carried.

D. **Approval of Minutes** On Oct. 30th, 2009 there was a name misspelled throughout the minutes. Lion Mel Olson moved to approve minutes with corrections and Lion Robert Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

E. Additions to the Agenda:

~Lion Katherine Tweed wanted to speak about the 2011 Youth Exchange Camp.

~Lion Robert Littlefield wanted to update the group on the pin policy.

II. District Financial Reports

~Lion Tom Saddler added or modified categories with asterisks on the report.

~Item 160: is now State and MD 5 pins

~ Item 170: is the reimbursed travel funds for this District Governor that is received by Lions International.

~Item 195: is \$300 from the new Lion Club in Cavalier for charter fees

~Item 380: Redistricting Expenses for 5 NE

~Item 390: Added mentoring expenses, Cindy Iverson's hotel fees, this is a new program and this category was added as a result.

~Item 540: VDG's miscellaneous expenses' which includes 2nd VDG officer crest, badges, & spouse badges.

~DG Westlund reported that the District might have a deficit due to overages for training.

~Lion Robert Littlefield stated that, under Committee Expenses, he thought that some of the expenses for mailings and copies might have fallen under that category, but since it was distributed under Operating Expenses there might be some money left over for Committee Expenses.

~Lion Robert Littlefield had a question about Item 510: DG elect state pins, does the district pay for governor's pin? DG Westlund answered in the affirmative.

~Lion Tom Saddler reported that Lion Robert Littlefield submitted his receipts for his trip to Australia and \$500 for his spouse.

~Lion Tom Saddler reported that he went down to the IRS to find out how to fill out the tax form. The district does not qualify for the postcard tax form, so he will need to file 990 EZ. The district can't lose the 50C3 status, which could happen if the EZ form is not filed.

~Lion Tom Saddler sent out dues from Jan. 1-June 30, five out of thirty-four clubs have already paid but it is not reflected in the report.

~Lion Lyle Swor moved to accept treasure's report and Lion Leon Commaeu seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

III. Old Business

A. **Bus to Saskatoon** Lion Robert Littlefield reported that the bus would leave on Wed. June 2 and will also staying there for Thurs. & Fri. and only need 3 nights since it will be leaving right after the banquet. The cost is \$150 for the bus. There will also be a few meals along the way from sponsoring Lions club (for example, Washburn Lions will be serving a meal before going up to Canada). Rooms and the convention will be at the Travel Lodge motel.

B. **Public Relations Grant** DG Westlund reported that the district received it. We received \$2,000. Lion Robert Littlefield reported that it could be used for the Lions In Sight campaign, in which all of the Lions Clubs in the world, during the last two weeks of January all clubs are requested to have one public relations activity. It could be used for public service announcements and/or a brochure could be put together to be used for promoting membership in the district.

~Lion Steve Johnson likes the idea to do something district wide instead of individual clubs.

~Lion Robert Littlefield has a list clubs that correspond to different papers, listing the clubs in each of the communities the newspapers covers.

~Lion Lyle Swor suggested that we could put up a good display at state fair and larger county fairs.

~Lion Mel Olson, Lion Rob Lein, Lion Lyle Swor, Lion Katherine Tweed and Lion Robert Littlefield all volunteered to form a committee to work on the advertisement.

~Lion Robert Littlefield made a motion that the cabinet authorized the Public Relations Committee to create a series of ad and create a media blitz to use the grant money for Lions In Sight Campaign at the end of January. That way the district is meeting the international project, we are using the grant to promote Lionism and it is a way for the district to do something for local clubs. This is another way to garner interest for local clubs to become involved on the district level. The motion was seconded by Lion Steve Johnson. Motion Carried.

C. 5NE New By-laws/Next Year's budget

~DG Westlund reported that we do have the by-laws to finalize the draft for the New District 5 NE.

~DG Westlund reported that he spoke to 5 NC DG Jim Ruff about the formation of the new district and there was some discussion that if the fees are raised, since District 5 NE charges higher fees than District 5 NC, that there are some clubs that will dissolve their charter. DG Ruff suggested that he, DG Westlund, IPDG Zwinger, IPDG Craig Wollenburg, and Lion Robert Littlefield to constitute a committee and work on the final by-laws and budget.

~Lion Robert Littlefield reported that there are no issues with the by-laws as they are the LCIF by-laws expect LCIF cannot set dues on local levels.

~5 NC District Governor Jim Ruff had reported to 5 NE District Governor Westlund that 5 NC might donate their money to charity because when it was formed, 5 NE and 5NW did not contribute any money to them and they had to start out from scratch.

~Lion Dobbs asked if anyone has spoken to 5 NW District Governor Vannett about the discrepancy. DG Westlund reported that no one has. District 5 NW charges each club \$100 for leadership rally. District 5 NE charges \$8 a year, or \$4 semi-annually which goes to the budget.

~Lion Rob Lein commented that let's do what we can to establish a district rather than force ourselves on the newer members of District 5 NE.

~Lion Robert Littlefield suggested that we not worry about the \$8 a year and that \$5.50 a year is not that big of a deal to quibble about with the blending of the new district.

~Lion Mel asked if we need to set our budget at \$5.50?

~DG Westlund reported that the new district would be adding between 500 and 600 new members which would bring up the membership to 1500-1600 members. The district is going into the new year with money in the bank. He feels that the new district should work with a budget based on \$5.50 and if it looks like funds are going to run short, then take it to state convention.

~Lion Al Kalhbaugh commented that when the district went to the \$8 a year, it was based on decreasing membership. With the blending of the 5 NC district, the new 5 NE district may only need \$5.50.

~Lion Mel Olson suggested that there is no need to upset the 5 NC members that are going to join 5 NE, if the budget can work at \$5.50 a year then it should be done.

~DG Westlund agreed with the suggestion to avoid losing clubs, especially since many of the clubs being acquired are pretty small clubs and may need their money locally.

~Lion Al Kalhbaugh thought that this might need to wait for a state convention to vote.

~Lion Robert Littlefield stated that the wait would not need to be that long. In the spring, it could be done at the leadership rally, the MD 5 convention, or any other gathering where a special vote could be convened to ratify the new by-laws.

~Also, Lion Robert Littlefield does not feel that the past district governors should set the budget for next year, they can certainly provide input, but the new governor of the new district should not feel forced into a budgetary situation. The new district needs to propose a budget on what they need in order to do the programming that they need to do. If people do not wish to support that budget, then suggestions can be made on what to cut from the budget, such as fewer visits, in order to balance the budget. Lion Robert Littlefield continued that if the district is only looking at \$5.50 and local clubs that seem to be demanding that they will not keep their charter

unless they receive this support is not a good approach to blending the new district. If one feels so little about Lionism, then so be it. However, it is premature to assume what the budget will be, we don't know what the dues should be unless we know what the budget is. If we balance the budget for \$5.50 great, then that will happen. What if it is less? What if it is more? We will look at the money needed to meet our goals and go from there and propose a particular amount as dues.

~Lion Robert Littlefield asked, "What can we do with the money we have?"

~Lion Mel Olson asked when the budget was put together how much money was it based off of, \$4 or \$8? Lion Robert Littlefield stated that the budget for this current year was based off of \$8 annual dues. Currently, the budget is not set and it is unknown what the dues will need to be to balance the budget. Lion Mel Olson suggested that perhaps this discussion on dues is being made prematurely based on the fact that the budget for the upcoming year is not set at this time.

D. Youth Exchange Camp

~Our district is hosting a camp for 2011 and Lion Katherine Tweed has asked Valley City Lions to host the camp for District 5NE. Lion Judy, also a former cabinet member, and Lion Dick from Valley City Lions was representing the club. It has been 9 years since District 5NE has hosted the camp.

~The camp is schedule July 3rd-9th at Wesley Acres, 18-20 miles north of Valley City. The website has a wonderful view of the camp. MD 5 has taken \$500 from their budget to pay the deposit on the camp because at the time it needed to be made and 5NE had not yet formed the budget committee for 2011. MD 5 is a sponsor for Youth Exchange.

~The camp hosts 40 youth, 20 from multiple district 5 and 20 from other countries. Multiple District 5 sets the camp rate and the rate has been set at \$350 per camper. If there is a full camp, it means \$14,000 income for the camp. That is about half of the money that is needed depending upon the programming that is wished to be provided and it also depends upon how much money in donations that is received for the camp. Lion Katherine strongly encourages that a finance committee be set up well in advance and Lion Katherine also strongly encourages the Vice District Governor Robert and Vice District Governor Steve to broaden the budget outreach in the upcoming budget to allow for the camp.

~A housing committee will also be needed. All 20 youth coming from other countries needs to have arrangements for home stays, which also needs to be established well in advance. Host stays are generally after the camp, most youth expects to come to the camp, attend an at home stay, and spend about a month. All of this is done through Lions Youth Exchange Chairs all around the world. So there is a good system set up; however, District 5 NE does need to know where all of these youths are going to stay and to encourage people to figure out how to get these youths to and from camp. Lion Katherine stressed that it is a huge task every year. Lion Katherine also suggests that someone from this committee should go to the Youth Exchange Camp being held in Saskatchewan this summer to obtain an understanding of what is involved in the camp.

~The planning committee is the committee that plans the daily activities of the camp. There needs to be activities just about every minute of the day. There also needs to be a little bit of free time planned so that these teenagers can talk and be with each other. The planning committee becomes responsible with everything that happens with the camp. This committee needs to be

sure that we have coverage for the campers and what is going on with the camp. The camp itself has lots of activities that may be going on, one of the really important things and one of the things that Lion Katherine spoke to Valley City Lions members about at the state convention is that we try to have a service component to the camp and so Valley City Lions Club members are going to be on the lookout for a service component that would be close to Valley City and would serve the needs of the youth attending camp. One example of a service component is when the camp was in Sioux Falls, the youth attending went to a soup kitchen and prepared a meal, served the meal, cleaned up after the meal, and then prepared and served another meal at supper. This project received many wonderful comments on how much each camper enjoyed this experience.

~The food committee is a very important one as teenagers have to be fed a lot. The committee will be working with Anita Pulp at the camp to decide what meals will be at camp that the district will be billed for and what meals will be sponsored by another Lions Club. There might be a time, for instance, when a bus of students goes to Jamestown and have a buffalo burger meal in Jamestown and then the clubs in Jamestown would sponsor that event and then the camp would not be responsible for an event like that. All of this would have to be determined beforehand and it would have to be known what are responsibilities are before this happens.

~A school bus is already out at the camp all summer; it is rented from Dietrich's bus service and would be available to the Youth Exchange Camp to use. This is good news for the transportation committee which would have had to find a bus to rent which could become very costly. The transportation committee must also work closely with the planning committee so that it is known when a bus is needed to take a group of kids to an event off of the camp facilities.

~A volunteer committee must also be established. There has to be counselors for every cabin. In the past, certain camps have had paid counselors working at the camp with a mix of volunteers and other times it has been all volunteers. The more Lions who are physically at the camp with youth, the more they understand what is happening with Lions and goals of Lionism as regards to camp.

~Lion Katherine also went on to report that she will not be the Youth Exchange Chair or the Youth Camp Chair as her term is done on June 30th, 2010. It would be wise to have a camp chairperson and a camp registrar because the registrar is the one who spends a lot of time on e-mail organizing the hosting and making sure all of that is going to work. The camp chairperson is the overall person and the dream is that the camp chairperson will have good committees in place who are doing their jobs, so it would really be a matter of being a coordinator. Lion Katherine would like to see the workload spread about so that nobody is overworked and that everybody can enjoy this experience because it is a wonderful experience.

~Lion Katherine is sending this information to Lion Sara K. Nathan who is going to do some promotional articles in Lions News and Views. We should try to get all of the clubs in the district involved and of course nurture the new clubs coming in from 5 NC to be part of this experience. 5 NC has traditionally not hosted as many camps at 5 NW and 5 NE so there is less familiarity in 5 NC on what goes on in the camps. Lion Katherine stated that there are too many people who think that you send your kid off for a month, they get rid of them for a month, and nothing happens. This is not it at all; people need to understand the importance of it and it is a mini United Nations.

~Lion Katherine did invite governors and vice district governors to attend the camps and find out what goes on there. Lion Steve did point out that the 2011 Youth Exchange Camp is the same week of the Lion International Convention in Seattle. Lion Katherine acknowledged that

this happens quite frequently with these camps since there has to be a week open at the hosting camp and usually the 4th of July week is the week that is available to hold the camp.

~Lion Robert Littlefield asked that if the camp chairperson had to be a member of the cabinet or if it could be someone else so that it could be someone from Valley City, for example, that may have some local connections. Lion Katherine replied that the chair does not have to be a cabinet member and in fact she would discourage the cabinet from trying to run the camp. Cabinet can have a liaison since the cabinet does need to know what is going on; Lion Katherine suggested that the more we disperse the responsibilities and the funds throughout the our district, the better the camp will be and the more we can build each other together (which is the ultimate goal).

E. Youth Exchange Report:

~Lion Katherine reported that there are two openings at the camp this summer in Saskatchewan. The 2010 camp is July 5-11 and we can send two youth to the camp. It is 50 miles north of Saskatoon. They have already had a number of international applications and only one application from MD 5. MD 5 has traditionally been late on sending in their applications. They take youth ages 15-17, so if a youth is known who is interested in having an international experience, but do not want to go very far away from home, this would be a good opportunity for them.

~There is a family in Sykeston, ND, the Paul Van Ness family, who have arranged hosting and personally hosted two youth for us. Their son went to camp in South Dakota last summer and has been invited to Poland this summer by a youth who he met from Poland last summer. He would like to go to the camp in Poland this year, which is August 1-10th. The home stay is already arranged. This is a very expensive trip and a family that is not extremely wealthy. Lion Katherine is encouraging clubs to budget and think about support for youth exchange.

~We could not find a single host family this winter for any of the youth from Australia, Peru, or Japan. Lion Katherine had about 35 who responded in the negative. Almost all legitimate “no’s” but it is the first time she has ever had that happen.

~There is one woman from France who applied for the camp, but she is too old for the camp so the Youth Chair from MD 5 wants to know if anyone would like to host a 21 year old French woman who would like to have an exchange. She would like to stay for about a month.

~DG Westlund compliment Lion Katherine on all of the hard work she has done for the youth and that it is a very difficult job which she had done very well.

F. Pin Policy

~Lion Robert Littlefield reported that at the cabinet meeting at the State Convention, that is was suggested that Lion Arlo try to do an inventory of the pins. Lion Katherine had tried to reach Lion Arlo but was having difficulties. It is unknown how far along Lion Arlo is with the pin inventory.

~Lion Robert had some ideas on how to reduce the inventory of the pins. One of the suggestions was based upon club size that we split the pins up amongst the clubs. For example, if there was 1,000 pins in reserve and there is 1,000 members then we send each Lion member 1 pin and say you are responsible for 1 pin and charge a small amount for the pins to get rid of them to deal with the reserve.

~Lion Littlefield and Lion Tweed also discussed an acquisition plan. How many pins should we be obtaining in our district and what kind of pins do we get? There would be a set number of pins for each club, for the District Governor to give away, and for other various needs. It is possible to charge the clubs for some of these pins to recover some revenue for the district. This is just an idea/proposal. Lion Robert stressed that it can be worked out however we want it, but there should be a plan in place to avoid the accumulation of pins as well as lost revenue.

~Lion Robert Littlefield continued that there is a two-prong proposal for the pin policy. The first is to distribute our reserve and get rid of it somehow. Next when new pins are acquired, we need to know what we are getting, how much revenue could we recover, or just pay off the pins and charge a little extra from the district dues allowing the local clubs to decide if they want a pin or not and then if they do not want the pin they would not have to pay the extra district dues. These were just some thoughts brought up for discussion.

~DG Wayne did say that there have not been any previous policy towards the pins and that when he became governor he did not even order state pins they were just given to him; so DG Westlund feels that it is a good idea to start somewhere and that this has been brought up for discussion.

~Lion Robert Littlefield does plan to let those who make/sell the pins know that they are not to just disburse the pins to our District unless it has been ordered by the District.

~Lion Steve mentioned that he did like the idea of distributing the pins to the clubs, but also to make sure that the clubs are also not burdened by these pins, as well. Lion Steve encouraged the clubs should be charged the minimum so it would not overwhelm the clubs and yet the district could recover some money instead of throwing them in the garbage.

~Lion Lyle pointed out that at Lions International Conventions, he would make friends by trading pins because North Dakota pins are especially difficult to obtain.

~Lion Rob Lein reported that at the International Convention he probably could have used 1,000 pins.

~Lion Steve moved that the pin chairmen prorates the pins based on club membership and distribute them freely to the clubs in the district. Lion Rob Lein seconded the motion.

~Discussion: Lion Katherine requested some pins, like around 60, for the youth camp. The conclusion was to take what is needed for the camp and have Lion Arlo subtract them from the inventory before distributing them to the clubs.

~Motion carried.

~Lion Robert Littlefield inquired that based upon the decision that the cabinet will try to control how many pins are ordered, make it clear to those who make/sell them, is the cabinet comfortable about ordering 250 state pins for the next year? That would be 3 state pins per club, 1 pin per club for the District Governor to give away during the club visit, and an additional 30 pins that might be sold. Or is 250 too many?

~DG Westlund suggested that the District Governor would need more than 250 state pins because the state pins are the ones to be traded at Lions International; approximately 100 would be needed just for the International Convention.

~Lion Robert Littlefield decided that he would adjust the pins to order 350 state pins that would be ordered for the district based upon discussion from the cabinet. Lion Robert Littlefield requested that he be allowed to put together a policy proposal for the next cabinet meeting for the acquisition of the ordering of state pins to be in place by the time the new district forms.

~Lion Steve suggested that as the new policy proposal is being formed, perhaps a answering a series of questions: who decides? Who designs? Who orders? Are they sold or given away, and at what events? The more information under consideration and answered, the better for future District Governors and future cabinets.

IV. New Business

A. Spring Leadership Rally/MERL Report

~Lion Mel Olson reported that the Spring Leadership Rally is set for April 10th in Valley City. The purpose of the rally is to bring newly elected officers and on-going officers up to speed on leadership skills and opportunities so they know how to lead their clubs.

~One thing that Lion Mel has noticed while attending Leadership Rallies in the past is that there are a number of clubs that are not represented. Lion Mel has spent some time on the Lions International web site and he has found that there are all kinds of helps on the website. Lion Mel's goal is that he will be sending out quarterly tips to the new officers on how they can access the information on the website. One idea that Lion Mel has formed is that there are other ways to do trainings through methods of distance education and he is going to look into some alternatives that would promote distance trainings to club officers in the district who cannot make it to the Leadership Rally and to make suggestions on how we can help them as an organization so we can help them do their jobs. Lion Mel noted that there are a number of clubs that are not submitting reports on timely basis (or not at all). Lion Mel would like to stay in touch with them and assist them with their reports.

B. 1st Vice District Governor Report

~Lion Robert Littlefield reported that he is going to visit South Dakota's state convention; has identified and confirmed the secretary and treasurer; has secured 5 of the 7 regional chairs and is waiting on two of them for responses; he is hoping the Zone Chairs can be identified in February. Lion Robert has also has registered for the International Convention and obtained tickets. Lion Robert is reporting that he is changing the structure of the cabinet to have teams instead of committees; there are 5 teams and the committees will be grouped under these teams which he will identify the team leaders who will be empowered to mentor and work with their committees so that the teams would met in the first hour of the cabinet meeting and then the team leaders would report at the cabinet meeting on anything that might need action; this will allow each team member to be actively involved in the discussion and to also streamline the cabinet meetings.

~Lion Robert has also designed his pin for next year; his theme is "Speak Up for Lionism".

~Lion Robert has identified 3 goals for next year: encourage the clubs to become involved the district speaking contest (as a project); has spoken with Lion Mel who had the idea of holding some workshops on improving speaking skills, as well as to do some more PR.

~Next year there will be 7 regions and each region has zone. Region chairs will be mentoring the Zone Chairs which is Lion Robert's vision for the next year.

C. LCIF

~Lion Robert Littlefield reported that Lion Bruce Schwartz sent him an e-mail promoting the development plan which is separate from the Lions Foundation work. This is a three year special project. So far Lions Clubs in New Rockford and Wahpeton have contributed. Along similar

lines to Campaign for Sight II, club donations are sent to Lion Robert Littlefield who records it and sends it onto Lion Bruce.

~Essentially, Lion Robert will need the regular forms filled out, sent through him so that he can record it and then send it on in order to start a different way of tracking these funds.

D. MERLW Reports

~**Membership Report:** Lion Steve thanked DG Wayne for membership pitch in the newsletter, it helps; Lion Steve will do a pitch and is encouraging clubs to feel free to do use his name and e-mail address. If they know I am the focus of this membership drive, we will have positive results. At the last meeting, Lion Steve reported that he had received 9 out of 36 responses to his letters; he now has received 10 of 36. Another series of letters have gone out, 10 went to the people that have been identified as membership representative of their club, the other 26 went to the club president. These letters basically have asked: have you finished your membership drive for the year? Have you started? When do you anticipate starting? Re-emphasized the four step process and that it is working for South Forks Lions Club.

~Lion Mel Olson already gave his **Leadership** report (see above).

~**Women in Lionism:** Lion Carla Lein reported that she wants to identify clubs who have women as members. Lion Carla also wants to write an article for the newsletter to encourage clubs to have a family night, a ladies night, and try to have women to join Lions clubs. Lion Carla was planning to, with Lion Rob Lein's help, to try to encourage towns that do not have women in their clubs to start a Women's Lions club in the town to work along with that club.

~**Retention and Orientation:** IPDG Zwinger is ill and could not make it to the meeting, so there is no report at this meeting.

~**Extension:** DG Westlund is in the process of getting a Lions Club active in Cavalier. Lion Robert Littlefield is trying to get the NDSU Campus Club chartered by Spring Semester.

E. Zone Chair Reports:

1. Zone A-1: DG Westlund reported that Lion Liz has had one meeting

2. Zone A-2: DG Westlund reported that Lion Duffy has had one meeting

3. Zone A-3: No chair

4. Zone B-1: Lion Rob Lein is planning on a second meeting in Fargo; the date is tentative right now. Although it is not required of Zone chairs to visit every club, Lion Rob reported that he is going to do so. Lion Rob feels this helps acquaint himself with the clubs, see if they need assistance with anything, which also could encourage club members to start to become more aware of the district. Lion Rob Lein also wants to encourage Zones to work together for zone projects, especially in larger communities where it would be more feasible to complete a project.

5. Zone B-2: No chair

6. Zone B-3: DG Westlund reported that he has been having a difficult time reaching Steve McMiller; no report at this time.

F. Committee Chairs:

1. **Leo Clubs:** Lion Katherine Tweed reported that the Leo club in Oak Grove needs to be reorganized. Lion Katherine is encouraging anyone who knows of a community where a youth service organization could be organized to identify it for a potential Leo Club.

2. **State Convention:** Lion Al Kalhbaugh reported that the dollar amounts for registration was dropped because the Past District Governor's association gave more money to enable this to be dropped down and those who have already registered and did pay over the adjusted amount will be reimbursed. Lodging might be more expensive than some might want to pay. There will be a football game at the Alerus Center that afternoon so there will be a \$5 parking fee.

3. **Sight Conservation & work with the Blind:** Lion Al Kalhbaugh reported that he would like to contact somebody in the various clubs to work with Vision USA.

4. **Diabetes Awareness/Eye Bank Lion** Mark Jenson e-mailed DG Westlund saying that he did not have anything to report and would not be in attendance.

5. **Environmental:** Lion Leon Coumeau passed out a written report and also verbally reported on saving electricity through more efficient incandescent light bulbs. Although when each household changes to incandescent bulbs might seem small, but the more that can be converted the savings can add up to be quite high. Lion Leon would like to pursue this more and to write a letter to some of the clubs and to challenge the city of Grand Forks to switch to light bulbs.

~Lion Robert Littlefield asked how do we turn this into a visible project? Perhaps were to make it a fundraising activity. If you do this, donate the money to the club, and then as a club donate it to something else, "save your money and give it to help illuminate the world."

~Lion Leon suggested that lions used to sell light bulbs door to door, so how about bringing that back. Bring your old bulbs into this event and we will give you a discount. Or buy a light bulb and donate the money to a specific charity. There are several ideas and suggestions that Lion Leon would like to continue.

6. **Honorary:** Lion Lyle Swor reported that people are always looking for something to do, something that does not cost money and that is fun to do. Lion Lyle's club sponsors "Caroling for Vision." Two days before Thanksgiving, there is a parade in downtown Fargo, and prior to the parade and afterwards the club does caroling. Perhaps this could be a project district wide or even state wide where they would collect glasses as they carol, hence the theme "Caroling for Vision."

7. **ND Lions Foundation:** Lion John Dobbs reported that health issues held him back this past fall; but he will be in communication with Zone Chairs to promote the foundation at upcoming Zone meetings. At the state level, there is close to \$130,000 level in funds. There is one request for a grant and the Foundation is voting on it soon. In regards 2010-2011: as soon as zone chairs are named, Lion Dobbs would like the list so that he can get to their first meetings. Another goal is to convince each club to give some amount of money to the foundation to continue the fund growing. Another reason is that Lion Dobbs will move into long range planning committee (i.e.: finding succession in the line) so he can met and identify those in line

for leadership. Lion Dobbs vision is to get some of the western part of the new district in the Zone to gain some representation from the western part.

8. Long Range Planning: Lion Katherine stated that her file is ready to pass onto Lion John Dobbs.

~Lion Littlefield stated that the wording is going to change with some restructuring that Lions International is doing. The Long Range Planning committee will be changed to the Nominating committee which will be appointed every year.

9. Peace Poster: DG Westlund reported that Arvilla/Emerado, New Rockford & Fargo Lions submitted posters to the contest and the local winners were sent onto Saskatchewan and the winner was from Saskatchewan. Lion Katherine commented that it seems there has not been a winner outside of Saskatchewan in 10 years.

Wrap-up Notes:

~DG Westlund had to move the last Cabinet meeting from May to April 10th.

~Lion Katherine Tweed moved that Tail Twister money goes to 2011 youth camp. Lion Katrina Wendel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

~Lion Dobbs motioned to adjourned with the entire cabinet present seconding. It was unanimous decision to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:
Lion Katrina Wendel,
District 5NE Cabinet Secretary